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## NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## CDVA REQUESTS CONDITIONAL APPROVAL FOR THE GREATER LOS ANGELES VENTURA COUNTIES PROJECT

Secretary of Veterans Affairs Tom Johnson is pleased to announce that he has requested Conditional Approval of the Veterans Home of California -- Greater Los Angeles-Ventura Counties (GLAVC) project from the Unites State Department of Veterans Affairs' (USDVA) State Home Grant Program. This request is typical for projects funded by the State Home Grant Program and marks another significant milestone in project development.

The Request of Conditional Approval obligates the State to complete all the grant requirements within 180 days of a Request Approval notification signed by USDVA Secretary R. James Nicholson, and assures the State that USDVA grant funds previously set aside for GLAVC will be available upon the start of construction.

The bid period is scheduled to begin December 4, 2006. CDVA and the Department of General Services will be aggressively reaching out to all registered Disabled Veterans Business Enterprises (DVBEs) as this project progresses. This project is in three parts, with construction projects in Lancaster, Ventura, and West Los Angeles.

The project timeline for GLAVC has remained unchanged since June of 2004. Construction will begin in July of next year. The homes in Lancaster and Ventura will be completed in December of 2008, and West Los Angeles in December of 2009.

The GLAVC project is a unique partnership between the USDVA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System and the State of California. Veterans living at any of the three homes sites of GLAVC will be provided with seamless care from the State and USDVA, incorporating new standards of privacy and ease of accessibility.

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